During the year 1992-93 :

Amana Dewas	0.25
Navlakha, Indore	0.60
Broadway Madras	0.30
Y. N. Road, Indore	0.82
Worli Bombay	0.50
Fort, Bombay	0.12
Vidisha	0.38
Guna	0.22
	3.19

Land for collectorate office in Assam

4001. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam offered 57000 sq. metres of Land at a prime location for the construction of Collectorate Office of Customs and Central Excise;

(b) if so, whether the proposal was accepted by his Ministry; and

(c) if so, when was it accepted and at what value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Sir, the Government of Assam have offered 57,600 Sq. Mtrs. of land at Guwahati for the construction of Divisional Office of the Shillong Collectorate of Customs and Central Excise, which is presently functioning from hired buildings. This proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Conensus on the Economic Reforms

4002. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the opinion of Special Advisor to World Bank stating that the economic reforms initiated by the Indian Government would take root only it it is anchored from within and gains the support of ordinary people;

(b) if so, what are the observations made by him and what is Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) what steps are being taken to develop a consensus on the content, scope and pace of reform?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Government has seen the Newspaper article dated 7th of February, 1993 reporting a Statement by the Special Adviser to the President of the World Bank. It has been ascertained from the World Bank that it does not represent the official view of the World Bank.

(c) The economic reforms initiated by the Government have been based on wide ranging consultations with difference sections of society for securing the maximum possible consensus for our development strategy.

Evasion of Excise Duty Payment by Industrial Houses

4003. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been industries evading/avoiding payment of excise duties on a regular basis;

(b) if so, what are the details of such industries and the amount evaded during the last three years, yearwise and reasons thereof;

(c) whether Reliance Industries Limited has evaded/avoided payment of excise duty to the tune of crores of rupees; if so, what action Government propose to take against them;

(d) whether Government propose to amend the rules and impose 'payment first' dispute later policy in case of flimsy grounds, if so, what is its effective date and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government will contemplate to institute criminal proceedings against such industrial houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): Cases of evasion of excise duty have been detected against various units from time to time.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Show Cause Notices have been issued to M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. over the years, for alleged evasion of excise duty to the tune of crores of rupees. Action under the Central Excise Act and Rules is being taken in these cases.

(d) Since it is not possible to define the term 'flimsy grounds', there is no move at present to amend the rules and impose 'payment first and dispute later' policy in such cases.

(e) Prosecution proceedings are launched against industrial houses in serious cases in accordance with provisions of the Central Excises & Salt Act, 1944 and rules made thereunder.

कर अपवंचन के बारे में संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त शिकायतें

4004. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त शिकायतों के आधार पर कर अपवंचन के संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण/जांच कराई है ;

(ख) इन शिकायतों के आधार पर कितने मूल्य के कर अपवंचन का पता चला है ; और

(ग) ऐसी शिकायतें किन-किन व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध मिली हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) जब कभी संसद सदस्यों द्वारा कर अपवंचन का कोई मामला सरकार के ध्यान में लाया जाता है तो सर्वेक्षण करके, तलाशी लेकर अथवा अन्य प्रकार की जांच-पड़ताल करके समुचित कार्यवाही की जाती है ।

(ख) आयकर की चोरी सर्वेक्षण, तलाशी तथा कर-निर्धारण की कार्यवाहियों आदि जैसी विभिन्न कार्यवाहियों के दौरान पकड़ी जाती है । इन विभिन्न कार्यवाहियों के दौरान पकड़ी गई कर की चोरी से संबंधित आंकड़े अलग-अलग नहीं रखे जाते हैं ।

(ग) वित्त वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान प्राप्त हुई शिकायतों का ब्यौरा विवरण में दिया गया है ।